Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is The Cochin Arecanut Markets Bill.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, in view of the desire expressed that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, I propose that a Select Committee be appointed consisting of the Advocate-General, the Mover, Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan, Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan, Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon, Mr. Ipe and Mr. K. S. Panicker.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Government Savings Bank Bill

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Government Savings Banks Bill be read in Council.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I seeond it.

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* As the Hon'ble Members are aware, we have started the Savings Bank system in 18 of our Anchal Offices and already we have got about 400 subscribers who have invested in it about Rs. 75,000. We have made provision for the repayment of their deposits, and certain other incidental matters. The Bill that is before the House is intended to provide legal sanction for the repayment of these deposits and such incidental matters. It closely follows the Government of India Savings Banks Act and the Bill that has been proposed by the Travancore Government. I request that the Bill may be passed by this House.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is The Cochin Government Savings Banks Bill.

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* I request that S. O No. 32 may be suspended and the Bill be taken into consideration now.

Mr. President : Yes.

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* I move that, The Cochin Government Savings Banks Bill be taken up for consideration.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

Clauses 2 to 13 put and carried

Clause 1 put and carried

Title and preamble put and carried

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Sir. I move that the Cochin Government Savings Banks Bill be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Irrigation Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move that The Cochin Irrigation Act Amendment Bill be read in Council.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, the purpose of the Bill is to afford greater conveniences for those who follow the collective system of agriculture. It has been the complaint that, especially in kole cultivation, if one or two recalcitrant tenants in the midst of blocks of fields refuse to co-operate with the rest of the cultivators in the various processes of agriculture like bunding, draining of water, and such other matters, there will be considerable difficulty caused to the rest. Again a few can, sometimes do not contribute anything towards the work from which they themselves are benefitted and the other people will have to finance these works themselves and there is no way of easily realising the proportionate dues from these recalcitrant tenants. Therefore, provision is proposed to be made in the Irrigation Act by which in such cases on sufficient notice to the recalcitrant tenants or on the order of the Chief Engineer or such other officer as have been empowered by the Government, the works will be taken up

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1. Appendix VII.

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